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SUBJ: WESTINGHOUSE LICENSE TO EXPORT NUCLEAR MATERIALS
REF: STATE A-3392

TOKYO FOR ERDA - STATE PASS NRC

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY LOCAL WESTINGHOUSE (WH) REP (LOREN COCHRUN) RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KORI 1 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, CONCERNING STATUS OF EXPORT LICENSE WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED TO WH FOR EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR KORT 1. COCHRUN SAID WH NUCLEAR FUEL DIVISION, WHICH IS PREPARING NUCLEAR FUEL FOR KORI 1, ASKED WH PITTSBURGH OFFICE STATUS OF EXPORT LICENSE AND WAS INFORMED THAT LICENSE WAS UNAVAILABLE AND POSSIBLY HAD BEEN "LOST IN THE MAIL." WH PITTSBURGH OFFICE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSING PROBLEM WITH NRC.

2. COCHRUN SAID THAT PROVISION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS ON TIME IS MATTER OF "CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENT" BETWEEN
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WH AND KOREA ELECTRIC CO (KECO) AND THAT KECO HAS BEEN INCURRING EXTRA EXPENSES TO INSURE THAT STORAGE FACILITIES ARE READY FOR EXPECTED SHIPMENT THIS FALL.

3. COCHRUN VERY CONCERNED THAT ROKG WILL NOT BELIEVE "LOST LICENSE" STORY BUT WILL RATHER ASSOCIATE DELAY IN SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS WITH CONGRESSINAL CONCERN OVER NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS.

4. COCHRUN TRAVELING TO WH PITTSBURGH OFFICE WEEK OF JUNE 9TH AND INTEDNS, IF TIME PERMITS, TO VISIT EA.K AND DISCUSS PROBLEM.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING THAT WH HAS LICENSE FOR EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR KORI 1. COCHRUN POSSIBLY CORRECT IN ASSUMPTION THAT ROKG WOULD INTERPRET DELAY IN FUELS SHIPMENT AS BEING POLICY DECISION RATHER THAN PROCEDURAL PROBLEM. KOREAN PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE THIS SPRING TO STATEMENTS BY U.S. CONGRESSMEN EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT NUCLEAR EXPORTS.

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